

EN BLOC AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2436
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Page 16, line 17, insert “(1)” after “(h)”.

Page 16, after line 20, insert the following:

1 “(2)(A) A lease on lands referred to in paragraph (1)
2 may not be issued if the Secretary of Agriculture deter-
3 mines, after consultation under paragraph (1), that the
4 terms and conditions of the lease, including any prohibi-
5 tion on surface occupancy for lease operations, will not
6 be sufficient to adequately protect such lands under the
7 National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C.
8 1600 et seq.).

9 “(B) The authority of the Secretary of Agriculture
10 under this paragraph may be delegated only to the Under-
11 secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Envi-
12 ronment.”.

Page 30, strike lines 10 through 19 and insert the
following:

13 **SEC. 303. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO LEASING ON FOREST**
14 **SERVICE LANDS.**

15 The Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 is amended—

16 (1) in section 15(b) (30 U.S.C. 1014(b))—

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1 (A) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

2 (B) in paragraph (1) (as designated by
3 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph) in the
4 first sentence—

5 (i) by striking “with the consent of,
6 and” and inserting “after consultation
7 with the Secretary of Agriculture and”;
8 and

9 (ii) by striking “the head of that De-
10 partment” and inserting “the Secretary of
11 Agriculture”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2)(A) A geothermal lease for lands withdrawn or
14 acquired in aid of functions of the Department of Agri-
15 culture may not be issued if the Secretary of Agriculture,
16 after the consultation required by paragraph (1), deter-
17 mines that no terms or conditions, including a prohibition
18 on surface occupancy for lease operations, would be suffi-
19 cient to adequately protect such lands under the National
20 Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.).

21 “(B) The authority of the Secretary of Agriculture
22 under this paragraph may be delegated only to the Under-
23 secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Envi-
24 ronment.”.

